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CHAPTER MB: MIGRATORY BIRDS HARVESTING

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DEFINITIONS

In this chapter, “Migratory Bird” means a migratory bird referred to in the Migratory Birds Convention, and includes the eggs, embryos and parts of the bird.

MB.1.0 GENERAL

MB.1.1 Dehcho Citizens have the right to harvest Migratory Birds throughout the area shown in Appendix A at all times of the year, in accordance with the Dehcho Agreement.

MB.1.2 The right provided for in MB.1.1 may be limited or restricted:

- a) by provisions of the Dehcho Agreement; or
- b) for purposes necessary for:
 - i) Conservation;
 - ii) public health; or
 - iii) public safety.

MB.1.3 Canada has the authority to manage and conserve Migratory Birds and Migratory Bird habitat and will exercise that authority in a manner that is consistent with the Dehcho Agreement.¹

¹ Canada examining: “and will exercise that authority in a manner that is consistent with the Dehcho Agreement.”

- MB.1.4** Subject to 1.5, Canada will Consult the Dehcho Government prior to imposing a limitation or restriction necessary for Conservation, public health or public safety.
- MB.1.5** In the event of an Emergency, Canada may impose an interim limitation or restriction under 1.2. As soon as possible thereafter, Canada will notify the Dehcho government and provide reasons for the decision. Canada will Consult the Dehcho Government with respect to any on-going terms and conditions which may result from the event.
- MB.1.6** Nothing in the Dehcho Agreement will be construed to:
- a) recognize a right to harvest Migratory Birds for commercial harvest or sale;
 - b) confer rights of ownership in Migratory Birds; or
 - c) guarantee the supply of Migratory Birds.
- MB.1.7** Dehcho Citizens will not be subject to any tax², fee or requirement for a license for Migratory Bird Harvesting pursuant to MB.1.1.
- MB.1.8** Prior to the Dehcho Agreement, the Parties will address the issue of documentation or identification for Dehcho Citizens exercising their right to harvest, possess and transport Migratory Birds as set out in the Dehcho Agreement.
- MB.1.9** Dehcho Citizens have the right to use any method, and to possess and use any equipment, for the purpose of Migratory Bird Harvesting pursuant to MB.1.1.
- MB.1.10** Dehcho Citizens have the right to possess and transport anywhere in Canada the Edible and Non-Edible Parts of Migratory Birds harvested pursuant to MB.1.1, subject to any requirements for the identification of Migratory Birds set out in Legislation.³ When exercising this right, Dehcho Citizens will not be required to obtain a licence from Canada⁴, nor be subject to any fee.
- MB.2.0** **GIFTING AND TRADING**
- MB.2.1** Dehcho Citizens have the right to Gift:

² Federal Finance Department will provide comment on “tax”

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⁴ DFN say “from Canada” should be deleted.

- a) the Non-Edible Parts of Migratory Birds harvested pursuant to MB.1.1 to any individual for Subsistence or for their Personal Use; and
- b) the Edible Parts of Migratory Birds harvested pursuant to MB.1.1 to any individual for Subsistence or for their Personal Use.

MB.2.2 Dehcho Citizens have the right to Trade:

- a) the Non-Edible Parts of Migratory Birds harvested pursuant to MB.1.1 with any individual for Subsistence or for Personal Use; and
- b) the Edible Parts of Migratory Birds harvested pursuant to MB.1.1 with:
 - i) other Dehcho Citizens; and
 - ii) members of another Aboriginal group with whom the Dehcho Dene have traditionally traded⁵

for Subsistence or for Personal Use.

MB.3.0 OVERLAP AND SHARED USE AGREEMENTS

MB.3.1 The Dehcho First Nations or the Dehcho Government may formalize relationships for the harvesting of Migratory Birds with other Aboriginal groups through the negotiation of overlap or shared use agreements. With the agreement of Canada and the DFN, overlap agreement provisions pertaining to Migratory Bird harvesting may be incorporated into the Dehcho Agreement.

MB.4.0 ACCESS

MB.4.1 ⁶Subject to MB.4.3 and any subsidiary agreements addressing access for harvesting contemplated by the Dehcho Agreement, Dehcho Citizens have a right of access to all land and Water within the area shown in Appendix A for the purpose of Migratory Bird Harvesting under MB.1.1.

MB.4.2 Dehcho Citizens may establish and use Camps on Crown Land within the area shown in Appendix A, subject to limitations on access set out in MB.4.3, provided such Camps are reasonably incidental to Migratory Bird Harvesting under MB.1.1.

⁵ DFN will consider providing list of groups with whom they traditionally traded.

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- MB.4.3** This right of access does not apply:
- a) on Indian reserve lands;
 - b) on lands held in fee simple or lands subject to a surface lease:
 - i) within Community boundaries;
 - ii) outside Community boundaries where the land is less than ten (10) hectares in area and is fenced or otherwise identifiable; or
 - iii) where Migratory Bird Harvesting would be visibly incompatible with the use of the land; or
 - c) where lands are dedicated to military or national security purposes pursuant to legislation, or to areas temporarily being used for military exercises for the period of such temporary use, after notice of such dedication or use has been provided to the Dehcho Government.

MB.4.4 Where Dehcho Citizens have the right to access lands held in fee simple or lands subject to a surface lease for the purpose of Migratory Birds Harvesting under the Dehcho Agreement they will not:

- a) unreasonably interfere with an occupier's use and peaceable enjoyment of the land; or
- b) establish a Camp, Cabin or any structure, or cut or use any wood other than dead wood, without the consent of the owner, lessee or Government, as the case may be.

MB.4.5 A Dehcho Citizen or the Dehcho Government may enter into an agreement with an owner, lessee or Government, as the case may be, regarding the right to access lands described in MB.3.3 for the purpose of Migratory Birds harvesting under MB.1.1.

MB.5.0 CONSULTATION

MB.5.1 Canada will Consult the Dehcho Government prior to introducing new Legislation, or amending existing Legislation, that could adversely affect the exercise of the right to harvest Migratory Birds set out in this Agreement.

MB.6.0 MIGRATORY BIRDS MANAGEMENT

MB.6.1 Prior to concluding the Dehcho Agreement, the Parties will address:

- a) the manner in which Migratory Birds will be managed; and
- b) the participation of the Dehcho Government in the management of Migratory Birds⁷

if the harvesting rights recognized in this chapter could be affected.⁸

MB.7.0 EMERGENCIES

MB.7.1 Nothing in the Final Agreement will prevent any individual from killing Migratory Birds for survival in an Emergency.

⁷ Canada proposes:

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- a) the manner in which Migratory Birds will be managed within the Dehcho Settlement Area; and
- b) the participation of the Dehcho First Nations Government in the management of Migratory Birds within the Dehcho Settlement Area.”

⁸ Other land claim agreements only require governments to consult with respect to proposed activities within Settlement Area.